

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1        1 (Currently Amended). A multilingual conversation assist system for  
2           assisting a conversation between users of a plurality of languages,  
3           comprising:
  - 4              a control means prompting a user to select a conversational  
5              situation; and  
6              a database comprising a single basic table, storing common  
7              conceptual information about at least two languages available for  
8              multilingual conversations, a plurality of tables, one table for each of said  
9              at least two languages storing language data for conversations in each  
10             language, and a plurality of subdatabases, one subdatabase for each of said  
11             at least two languages storing data available to a conversation, said single  
12             basic table being divided into a word identification number field, an image  
13             display file name field, and a conception field, a word identification  
14             number in said word identification number field being common among all  
15             of said at least two languages as long as a conception of a word is  
16             common, the word identification field serving to specify a primary key,  
17             each of said subdatabases including an area for storing data for setting a  
18             conversational situation, a control section for storing a control program for  
19             said control means for reading the setting data of the conversation situation  
20             and displaying language units corresponding to the selected conversation  
21             situation, and an area for storing language units that are used for said at  
22             least two languages,  
23              wherein displaying of a language unit is made effective using  
24              multimedia so as each language unit is may be represented by a graphic  
25              image corresponding to a particular language unit, a language unit  
26              presented is in a first language, a phonetic expression of said language unit  
27              in second language, and voice output activation corresponding to the  
28              language unit presented in the second language.

1        2 (Original). The system according to claim 1, wherein said first means for  
2        setting the conversational situation displays predetermined options and has  
3        a structure of repeating a step of selecting one of said options a plural  
4        number of times.

1        3 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 1, wherein the  
2        language units corresponding to the set conversational situation are  
3        searched for in said subdatabase and displayed.

1        4 (Previously Presented). The multilingual conversation assist system  
2        according to claim 2, wherein said options are displayed by using said  
3        language units stored in said subdatabase or a part thereof.

1        5 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 2, wherein  
2        options over a plurality of stages for setting said conversational situation  
3        are stored in a first area of a subdatabase while said language units are  
4        stored in a second area of said subdatabase, and wherein one of said  
5        options is successively selected from said first area of said subdatabase to  
6        search and to display next-stage options in accordance with the selected  
7        option until one of final stage options is selected, and the language unit  
8        that corresponds to said selected option is searched from said second area  
9        of said subdatabase to be displayed.

1        6 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 2, wherein a  
2        plurality of language units are selected in a step of selecting options in a  
3        plurality of stages and wherein said selected plurality of language units are  
4        combined together and displayed.

1        7 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 6, wherein said  
2        selected plurality of language units are combined and displayed in  
3        compliance with a syntax rule previously stored in said second area of said

4 subdatabase.

1 8 (Original). The system according to claim 1, wherein said language unit  
2 includes a combination selected from any or all of a character expression  
3 in a first language, a character expression in a second language, a  
4 corresponding image display, a phonetic expression of a pronunciation in  
5 the second language with phonetic symbols in the first language, and a  
6 voice representation in the second language.

1 9 (Original). The system according to claim 3, further comprising a server  
2 storing said database.

1 10 (Original). The system according to claim 9, further comprising a  
2 communication device to which all or part of said database is downloaded  
3 by means of a communication with said server.

1 11 (Original). The system according to claim 3, further comprising a  
2 storage medium in which said database is previously stored.

1 12 (Original). The system according to claim 3, further comprising a  
2 portable device provided with a storage unit in which said database is  
3 previously stored.

1 13 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 1, wherein each  
2 said subdatabase contains an area for storing data for setting a  
3 conversational situation, said area including a second-stage option table  
4 and a second-stage query which includes a language unit connection field  
5 of the second-stage option table to indicate whether or not a next language  
6 unit is present.

1 14 (Currently Amended). A multilingual conversation assist system for  
2 assisting a conversation between users of a plurality of languages,

3                   comprising:

4                   control means for prompting a user to select a conversational

5                   situation;

6                   a database storing common conceptual information about at least

7                   two languages available for multilingual conversations, said database

8                   including

9                   a single basic table storing a common conception of language to

10                  each of the languages, said single basic table being divided

11                  into a word identification number field, an image display

12                  file name field, and a conception field, a word identification

13                  number in said word identification number field being

14                  common among all of said at least two languages as long as

15                  a conception of a word is common, the word identification

16                  field serving to specify a primary key,

17                  a plurality of tables for storing language data for conversations in

18                  each language, and

19                  a plurality of subdatabases for each pair of possible combination of

20                  languages available for multilingual conversation, each said

21                  subdatabase containing an area for storing data for setting a

22                  conversational situation, said area including a second-stage

23                  option table and a second-stage option query which includes

24                  a language unit connection field of the second-stage option

25                  table to indicate whether or not a next language is present;

26                  and

27                  display means for displaying language units corresponding to

28                  selected conversation situation, wherein said control means accesses said

29                  database and controls said display means to display each language unit as a

30                  graphic image corresponding to a particular language unit, a language unit

31                  presented in a first language, a phonetic expression of said language unit is

32                  a second language, and voice output activation corresponding to the

33                  language unit in the second language.

1       15 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 14, wherein said  
2       control means, in response to setting a conversational situation, controls  
3       said display means to display predetermined options.

1       16 (Currently Amended). The system according to claim ~~14~~ 15, wherein  
2       said options are displayed by using said language units stored in said  
3       database.

4       17 (Previously Presented). The system according to claim 15, wherein  
5       options over a plurality of stages for setting said conversational situation  
6       are stored in a first area of a subdatabase while said language units are  
7       stored in a second area of said subdatabase, and wherein one of said  
8       options is successively selected from said first area of said subdatabase to  
9       search and to display next-stage options in accordance with the selected  
10      option until one of final stage options is selected, and the language unit  
11      that corresponds to said selected option is searched from said second area  
12      of said subdatabase to be displayed.